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DIARY DATES

November 25 th to December 5 th		Year 11 Trial Exams
December 3 rd	3.00-4.00pm 7.00-9.00pm	Enterprise and Marketing Christmas Fair Romsey Abbey Choir Concert
December 11 th -12 th		Art/Photography trial exams Year 11
December 16 th & 17 th	6.30pm	Christmas Concert
December 19 th	12.30pm	Non-Uniform Day for Wessex Cancer Support College closes for Christmas Holidays
January 5 th 2026		INSET DAY
January 6 th 2026		Students return to college – all years.
January 22 nd		Poetry Live – Year 11
January 24 th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
January 30 th		Fort Nelson – Year 8
January 31 st – February 1 st		Bronze DfE walk – New Forest
February 5 th & 6 th	7pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Evening)
February 7 th	12.30pm & 7.00pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Matinee and Evening)
March 12 th		Vocal Festival

Assemblies w/b 1/12/25 - Headteacher's GROW Assemblies

KEY COLLEGE DATES – [click here for a list of the key college dates for 2025-2026](#)

Dear Parents and carers

This week has been a really positive week at Wyvern. We have seen year 11 students starting their trial exams and we have been impressed with how seriously they have taken these and how well they have prepared for them. We know from the turnout of our revision evening in October that many of you want to be supporting and helping them revise at home and many of the students I have spoken to this week have said they have found this really useful. The whole point of the trials exams is to learn lessons to apply for the summer actual GCSE exams. Students are still experimenting with different ways to revise effectively but where they are able to do so socially, collaboratively, with others helping then they can make quicker gains in their learning. Our bereavement friendship groups met last Friday and one of their activities was to decorate the college Christmas tree in reception and put messages of loving remembrance to those they have lost. It is so humbling to see the way that students support one another in these groups and yet another sign of the compassion and humanity that we see every week in so many of our students.

On several different occasions this term I have asked of your help with securing strong attendance. Last half term, I sent the NHS guidance on when to send a child into college with symptoms of illnesses and when not to; we have also issued personalised absence reports about your child. I am very pleased to report that we have seen a significant improvement in attendance compared to this time last year. Across the term, attendance stands at well above national, regional and local levels. We have been especially pleased with the increase in attendance for children with SEND which was significantly below the national average last year and significantly above so far this year. Thank you for all your hard work in getting your child to school and securing these improvements. Although attendance is well above the national average again. We do need to maintain that position and to get it above 95%. There was an interesting article produced last week which said that parents were asking schools to authorise “rest days” for their child to not be in school to recover from the

days they are in college. Last week, when I met with the head teachers of the infant and junior schools that are lined to Wyvern, a couple of the head teachers had said they were starting to see this trend too. We have not had parents request this year and we will not authorise such days as we believe they do not solve the problems they seek to solve and actually encourage further absence and reluctance to attend school. We are of course always keen to support young people overcome the obstacles they might have in attending college.

Our Senior Leadership Team

I thought it would be useful to provide you with an up-to-date summary of which leaders are responsible for what in the college so that if you do need to contact a senior leader, you know who to contact.

Mr Stocks is the Deputy Head teacher who oversees the academic side of Year 11, including revision, exams and careers. He also manages the options' process and assessment and reporting across Year stage 4 (Years 9-11). He is the leader who analyses the data to track student performance in Years 9-11.

Mr Emeny is the Deputy Head for pastoral, who leads the college on our policies, strategy and processes for attendance, managing student behaviour and providing pastoral support for students. He line manages Year 10 pastorally, supporting Mr Street (Pastoral leader) and Mrs Strand (Deputy Pastoral Leader). He also line manages the Maths and D&T departments,

Miss Parker is the Designated Safeguarding Lead who manages the safeguarding team in the college. She also writes the college timetable each year and line manages Year 11 pastorally, supporting Mr White (pastoral leader) and Mrs Emeny (deputy pastoral leader). She also oversees the welfare team, medical room and first aid, including those on health care plans.

Mrs Foster is the Assistant Head teacher for quality of education, and this means she oversees the curriculum that departments plan, the way they implement it, the tutor time curriculum and the development of teaching. She also leads Key Stage 3 assessment and reporting, and line manages ICT/Computing: English and the arts

Mrs Goss is the Assistant head teacher for pastoral, who takes the lead on attendance, behaviour and pastoral issues for Years 7 and 8, line managing the pastoral leaders for these year groups (Mr Merriman and Mrs Taylor-Watson) and the deputy pastoral leaders Year 9 Ms Stedman and Mrs Munday). She leads our work in supporting children in care and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. She manages the transition process, preparing students to come from junior schools to Wyvern and line manages PE and our family support worker.

Mr Langdon is the assistant head teacher for teaching and learning who undertakes the quality assurance of teaching, learning, homework, lessons and students work. He also leads the reviews of subject areas' work and implements many of the staff training events. He line manages the humanities subjects and modern foreign languages.

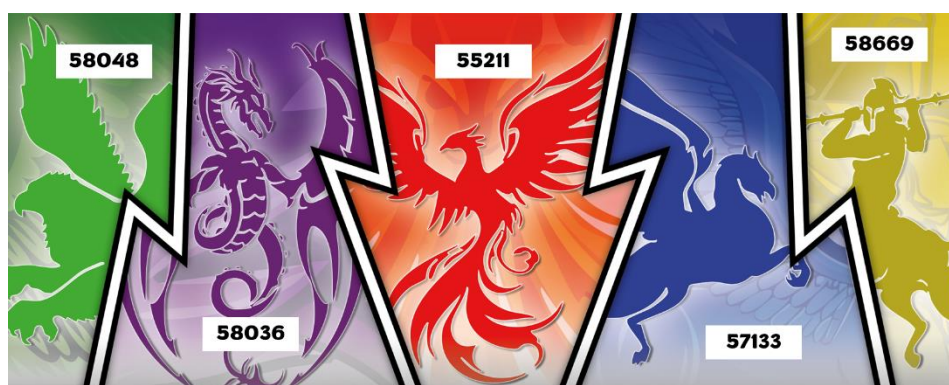
Mr Westlake is the business manager who leads on financial planning and budgets. He also has responsibility for business operations and traded services, including the college nursery and gym, lettings, maintenance of the site and health & safety.

I am extremely fortunate to have such talented colleagues to work; many of you will have worked with them too and I hope that if you have query about an aspect of the college's work which they lead, you get in touch with them.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

COLLEGE CULTURE

The house point totals as of the 26th of November:



COMMUNITY NEWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Government is consulting on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Hampshire and the Solent area – a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help shape how council services are delivered in the future.

Central Government wants to simplify local government structures nationally by replacing the current two-tier system, where responsibilities are split between county councils and district or borough councils, with fewer, new single-tier unitary councils. These new councils would be responsible for all local services in their area, from education and social care to waste collection and planning.

In Hampshire and the Solent area, this change would affect 15 existing councils, including Hampshire County Council, 11 district and borough councils, and the unitary authorities of Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

Hampshire County Council, in partnership with East Hampshire District Council, submitted a proposal to Government earlier this autumn, recommending the creation of four new unitary councils (three on the Hampshire mainland and a stand-alone unitary council on the Isle of Wight). Find out more on Hampshire County Council's proposals at: www.hants.gov.uk/lgr

Hampshire County Council's proposal is one option presented for consideration in the consultation. Other models submitted by other local authorities in the area include options for five unitary councils.

To find out more about all the proposals set out in the consultation,

visit: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-and-southampton

This is an important opportunity for schools, governors and education professionals to also provide feedback on the proposals.

Government will make a final decision next spring.

Have your say by 11 January 2026 at <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-southampton/>

A hard copy of the Government's consultation document and the proposals will also be available for view at each of the County Council's 40 libraries from next week.

Hampshire Musci Online Music Theory Course in January 2026 Designed to prepare students for the ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory exam.

What's included?

- 20-week online course (January–June, term time only)
- Weekly 60-minute sessions every Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00 PM
- Expert tuition from an experienced teacher
- Interactive lessons: 45 minutes of teaching + 15 minutes Q&A
- Individual feedback through assignments set between sessions
- ABRSM Grade 5 workbook included

[Click here for more details.](#)



ADULT FOOTBALL SESSIONS - Monday and Wednesday 8-9pm at the college.
[Click here to find out more.](#)



SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories
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The Big Christmas Give

Can you help Spotlight bring joy this Christmas by purchasing a toy for our Christmas toy appeal or making a small donation...

Use the qr codes below for ways to donate.

Amazon Wishlist



Give As You Live



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Creating positive memories

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donation Point

Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas

Deadline for donations 1st December

Lawcomm Solicitors

Unit 2, Fulcrum 2, Solent Way,
Whiteley, PO15 7FN

For More Information:
07804880072 or michaela@spotlightuk.org
Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258

FAIR OAK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS & ARTISTS AGE 5-16!

WRITE A MAX-500 WORD STORY OR POEM.



OR DRAW A PICTURE OR PAINTING

Update

The entries for the book are with the printer, and a final proof is currently being worked on – it should be printed by the end of the month!

Fair Oak Community Library will be holding an event for everyone who contributed – with prizes too and this will likely be in January.

The most up to date information can be found on their Facebook page.

FAIR OAK AND BOSTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE 2025

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
SET OFF AT 5PM
FROM THE SQUASH CLUB CAR PARK
NEW CENTURY PARK
(SHORTS ROAD)



Bring your own festive lantern to parade around the park, then join us for Christmas carols !

WYVERN ENTERPRISE Christmas Fayre



STOCKING FILLERS, GIFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT WYVERN

SUPPORT OUR YEAR 9 STUDENT ENTERPRISE

FIND THE PERFECT GIFTS FOR YOUR FAMILY

-WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER-
-3PM-4:30PM-
-WYVERN COLLEGE, MAIN HALL-
-CASH IS PREFERRED!!-

Wyvern Christmas Concert



-WYVERN COLLEGE, MAIN HALL-
-16TH-17TH DECEMBER-
-DOORS 18:30, CONCERT 19:00-
-FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS SERVED-
-TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WYVERN-COLLEGE-

CAREERS NEWS

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS AT TESCO WEBINAR

08 Dec 25 16:00 - 17:00

Join us for an inspiring webinar as we explore two brilliant apprenticeship pathways with Tesco, their brand-new Maintenance Apprenticeships, launched through the Stronger Starts programme, and their well-established Retail Apprenticeship, supporting young people across the country.

During the session, you'll hear directly from the Tesco Early Careers team as they share how these Stronger Starts apprenticeships can help you begin a career full of potential. Whether you're excited by hands-on, practical work behind the scenes or energised by life on the shop floor, Tesco has a role that could be the perfect fit.

Created as part of Tesco's Stronger Starts commitment to supporting local communities, these opportunities are designed for school leavers and young people ready to take their first steps into the world of retail or maintenance.

Don't miss this chance to explore the pathways available, gain top tips for applying and discover the support Tesco offers throughout the process. Your stronger start could begin right here!

[REGISTER NOW →](#)

EVENT TYPE
Webinar

AUDIENCE
School Parent Student

Peter Symonds College

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday 8 December 2025

Our application deadline is Midnight on Monday 8 December 2025. Students wishing to submit an application after this date will need to contact the Admissions office on 01962 857555 or email admissions@psc.ac.uk

FUTURES FOR ALL



In-person



Explore Creativity and Careers in the Arts

Get evening work experience with John Hansard Gallery

John Hansard Gallery

Join us for 6 after-school sessions between March and May 2026 to gain practical experience working in a contemporary art gallery. Have a go at curating exhibitions, making artwork, working with practicing artists and developing your own portfolio! Plus, collaborate with like-minded peers and build networks, confidence and sought-after transferable skills.

Check out the [webpage](#) for full details and dates

6 sessions in March-May
4.30pm - 6.30pm
Age: 14 - 16
Apply by:
12 February 2026

Apply at futuresforall.org



UNIFROG

Cybersecurity taster: exploring the global rise in cybercrime

Virtual Monday 1 December @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

Cosmic anthropology: what do black holes have to do with your sense of citizenship?

Virtual Tuesday 2 December @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

This week in assembly we have been visited by apprenticeship educators and they have been informing students about the different routes after school and College. Each speaker has been talking about their apprenticeship courses and the number of ways of entry.

- Year 8 - Sparsholt College Apprenticeships
- Year 9 - Hampshire Police Apprenticeships
- Year 10 - South Hampshire College Group Apprenticeships
- Year 7 - Will be seeing Hampshire Police Apprenticeships on the 8th December 2025.

Please see the links below from Hampshire police, Sparsholt College and South Hampshire College Group:

- [Join Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary - view our jobs](#)
- [Apprenticeship search / Skills England](#)
- <https://youtube.com/shorts/eOINyC7YSag?feature=share>
- <https://youtu.be/ufaPYq7JSm4>
- [South Hampshire College Group - YouTube](#)
- https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/subject-led-bundles/?utm_source=2&utm_medium=subject-led&utm_campaign=naw2026

I also recommend that students and parents go onto Unifrog Careers Website to do the careers quizzes and the apprenticeship section to give you some more ideas about your career exploration.

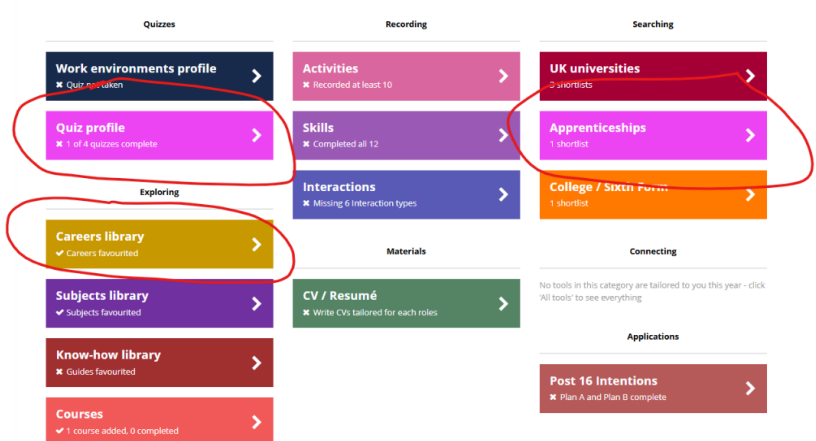
<https://www.unifrog.org/student/quiz-profile>

Parents Unifrog registration link: [Code -](#)

[Unifrog](#)

[Start - Apprenticeships - Student - Unifrog](#)

[Keywords: apprenticeships : Know-how library](#)



BAE Systems 2026 Apprenticeships are open for application!



Start a new career today. Shape the world of tomorrow. [Click here for more details](#) and for how to sign up for **BAE Systems Maritime and Land Defence Solutions: Virtual Apprenticeship Information Session** Tuesday 25 November 2025, 17.30 – 18.45

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Online Safety Newsletter

[Click here for the latest edition of our online safety newsletter](#)

Police Southeast Cyber Crime Unit Seminars


Parents might be interested in the following (click the link for more)

[The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online | Eventbrite](#)

DENTAL CARE

We're pleased to let you know that **Eastleigh Dental Care is now accepting new NHS patients.**

If you could kindly share this with parent groups, we would really appreciate it.

-  Free NHS dental care for all children under 18
-  Now open to new adult NHS patients
-  Emergency appointments available the same day
- ☐ Hygiene special: Buy 3 sessions, get 1 FREE
-  Free parking on-site
-  023 8061 4776



LET'S MEET UP!

SEN Support

LET'S CHAT, LAUGH & UNWIND TOGETHER.

Raising or supporting someone with additional needs? You're not alone. Come join us for a relaxed friendly get-together with others who "get it". No pressure, no judgement - just good chats and maybe a cheeky cake!

 **Friday 5th December**

 **1pm till 3pm**

 **The Fountain Cafe, Fair Oak**

Whether you're a parent, carer, family member or just someone with a big heart and shared experience - everyone's welcome.



GENERAL NOTICES

District Cross Country News

Well done to all the runners who took part on a sunny cold winter's morning last Friday at the District Cross Country for years 9 to 11 (and exceptional year 8s) at Winchester. It was a talented field with over 60 runners in most races. Well done to all of the following:

Inter Boys

- Hugo - 15th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January
- Jasper - 24th

Inter Girls

- Amy - 13th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January

Junior Boys

- Jack - 8th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January

Junior Girls

- Lyra - 6th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January
- Alyssa - 14th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January
- Fern - 19th waiting to see if selected for the County Champs in Aldershot in January
- Flo - 26th
- Sophie - 34th

Also well done to the Junior Girls who came second as a team out of 9 schools.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of **£5.00.**

Options for lunch will be *Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF) (GF) or Ratatouille with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)*

Year 7 Lunch will be Thursday 11th December - Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Monday 8th December

All Free School Meal students must complete a ParentMail form by the deadline, no payment is required. Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of **£5.00**.

Options for lunch will be *Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF) (GF) or Ratatouille with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)*

Year 8 Lunch will be Tuesday 9th December - Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Thursday 4th December

All Free School Meal students must complete a ParentMail form by the deadline, no payment is required. Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

YEAR 9 NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of **£5.00**.

Options for lunch will be *Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF) (GF) or Ratatouille with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)*

Year 9 Lunch will be Wednesday 10th December - Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Friday 5th December

All Free School Meal students must complete a ParentMail form by the deadline, no payment is required. Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of **£5.00**.

Options for lunch will be *Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF) (GF) or Ratatouille with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)*

Year 10 Lunch will be Tuesday 16th December - Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Thursday 11th December

All Free School Meal students must complete a ParentMail form by the deadline, no payment is required. Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of **£5.00**.

Options for lunch will be *Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF) (GF) or Ratatouille with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)*

Year 11 Lunch will be Wednesday 17th December - Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Friday 12th December

All Free School Meal students must complete a ParentMail form by the deadline, no payment is required. Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

POETRY LIVE

In the Spring term, the English department are running an exciting trip to watch and listen to the AQA GCSE poets reading and discussing their poems. The event 'Poetry Live' takes place in Basingstoke. This will be a valuable and enriching

experience for students in Year 11 as they will gain a unique insight into the language and context of their Power and Conflict poems in readiness for their GCSE English Literature exam.

[Please click here more information about the trip and how to apply for a place for your child.](#)

YEAR 11 TRAILS TIMETABLES

[Please click here for confirmation of the Y11 Trial exams timetable which begin next week on Tuesday 25th November.](#)

Most students will have an exam each day during the fortnight, and, on some occasions, students will have 2 exams in a day.

During this period, we allow students to leave site after the second exam of the day or at the end of Period 4. If students would prefer to stay on site to revise, we set up supervised study rooms and students are welcome to take up this offer.

Personalised exam timetables are now available for students and parents on EduLink.

If there are any queries around exams, please do contact me or the Y11 Pastoral Office.

Simon Stocks